

## Message Text

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TAGS: PEPR, SW, UR  
SUBJECT: SWEDISH DEMARCHE TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR ON SOVIET SUBMARINES

REF: STOCKHOLM 832

1. RELIABLE SOURCE PROVIDED DCM BY TELEPHONE WITH  
TRANSLATED TEXT OF MFA MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION  
REGARDING SOVIET SUBMARINES IN THE BALTIC WHICH TOOK  
PLACE FEBRUARY 28 BETWEEN MFA SECRETARY-GENERAL LEIF  
LEIFLAND AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR YAKOVLEV. PROVISION OF  
TEXT TO USG SHOULD BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. (WE  
WERE TOLD THAT YAKOVLEV WAS CALLED IN FOR THIS INTERVIEW.)

2. BEGIN TEXT: LEIFLAND SAID THE QUESTION WAS NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS AND ASKED IF YAKOVLEV HAD SEEN ARTICLE IN SVENSKA  
DAGBLADET RE STATIONING OF SOVIET NUCLEAR-MISSILE  
SUBMARINES IN BALTIC. YAKOVLEV SAID YES. LEIFLAND SAID  
IN IT WAS STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER SODER, WHICH WAS  
IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION BY JOURNALIST: THIS STATEMENT  
WAS CORRECTLY PRINTED BY SVENSKA DAGBLADET. (NOTE: WE  
WERE TOLD TEXT "WAS ENTIRELY CORRECT, WORD FOR WORD.")  
LEIFLAND GAVE YAKOVLEV A COPY OF THIS STATEMENT.  
HE SAID HE WISHED TO COMMENT ON THAT PASSAGE REFERRING  
TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS MOVING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE  
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NORDIC AREA, NOW BEING IN THE BALTIC. LEIFLAND SAID  
IT WAS TRUE THAT GOS DID VIEW WITH SOME CONCERN (OR  
UNEASINESS, SWEDISH WORD OLUST) HOW NUCLEAR WEAPONS  
CAME CLOSER AND CLOSER TO SWEDISH BORDER. THIS APPLIED  
TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND OF  
DIFFERENT TYPES, AND APPLIED TO DIFFERENT NUCLEAR-WEAPON  
CARRIERS. (NOTE: WE WERE TOLD THIS SENTENCE APPLIED

TO LEIFLAND'S DISCUSSION WITH US OFFICIALS OF US  
CRUISE MISSILES TARGETED AGAINST USSR WHICH UNDER PROPOSED  
600 KM LIMIT IN SALT MIGHT BE IN PROSIMITY TO SWEDISH  
TERRITORY.) MOST RECENT EXAMPLE WAS SOVIET  
NUCLEAR-WEAPON-CARRYING SUBMARINES IN BALTIC. SWEDEN  
REFRAINED FROM ACQUIRING NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY DECISION OF  
RIKSDAG AND BY ADHERENCE TO NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION  
TREATY. ALL OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES HAD SIGNED NPT.  
THERE WERE NO NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN NORDIC COUNTRIES.  
GOS WOULD LIKE TO SEE OTHER COUNTRIES EXERCISE RESTRAINT  
IN NORDIC AREA, SO THAT NORDIC BALANCE WAS NOT  
DISTURBED. IT WAS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, LEIFLAND  
SAID, THAT YAKOVLEV SHOULD SEE GOS STATEMENT OF  
CONCERN THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS--IN THIS CASE SOVIET  
SUBMARINES--WERE STATIONED CLOSER AND CLOSER TO  
NORDIC AREA.

3. YAKOVLEV SAID THANK YOU FOR INFORMATION. HE SAID  
HE COULD SAY ONLY THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION  
AS TO TRANSIT OF SOVIET NUCLEAR SUBMARINES TO BALTIC  
SEA. HOWEVER, HE WAS ACCUSTOMED TO FACT THAT SWEDISH  
PRESS OFTEN TALKED ABOUT SOVIET SUBMARINES. USSR HAD  
REPEATEDLY PROPOSED NORDIC AREA AND BALTIC SEA  
BECOME NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY NO SUCH  
DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN. AS FOR INFORMATION  
GIVEN TODAY, HE COULD ONLY REPEAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION  
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REGARDING THESE SUBMARINES.

4. LEIFLAND REPLIED THAT IF YAKOVLEV WAS  
HINTING THERE WERE IN FACT NO SOVIET NUCLEAR SUBMARINES  
IN BALTIC SEA, NOBODY WOULD BE MORE SATISFIED THAN GOS.  
YAKOVLEV SAID HE COULD ONLY REPEAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION  
ON THIS. LEIFLAND SAID SWEDES DID NOT LIKE NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS: SWEDEN DID NOT HAVE ANY HERSELF AND DID NOT  
WANT TO HAVE ANY IN HER BACKYARD. END TEXT.

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